

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Fifty-second Legislature – Second Regular Session

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**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Report of Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 2, 2016  
House Hearing Room 4 – 2:00 p.m.

**Convened** 4:09 p.m.

**Recessed**

**Reconvened**

**Adjourned** 5:16 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mr. Bolding  
Mr. Coleman  
Mrs. Norgaard  
Ms. Otondo  
Mr. Thorpe  
Mr. Lawrence, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Boyer, Chairman

**Members Absent**

**Agenda**

Original Agenda – Attachment 1

**Request to Speak**

Report – Attachment 2

**Presentations**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Attachments (Handouts)</u></b>
Alexa Neal	Teacher at Imagine Prep.	
Eileen Sigmund	Arizona Charter School Association	3

**Committee Action**

<b><u>Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>	<b><u>Attachments (Summaries, Amendments, Roll Call, Attendance)</u></b>
SB1048	DP	7-0-0-0	4, 5, 6
SB1239	DP	7-0-0-0	7, 8, 9

**Attendance**

  
Jackie O'Donnell, Chairman Assistant  
Thursday, March 3, 2016

(Original attachments on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk; video archives available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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ROOM HHR 4

TIME 2:00 P.M.

Members:

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Mrs. Norgaard

Ms. Otondo  
Mr. Thorpe

Mr. Lawrence, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Boyer, Chairman

1. Teacher Introduction - Alexa Neal
2. Presentation on Arizona's Charter Schools - Arizona Charter School Association

Bills	Short Title	Strike Everything Title
SB1048	<u>DP</u> ADE; appropriation; geographic literacy (Kavanagh, Shooter)	
	<u>7-000-0</u> ED, APPROP, RULES	
SB1239	<u>DP</u> schools; state seal of biliteracy (Begay, Bradley, Dalessandro, et al)	
	<u>7-000</u> ED, RULES	

**ORDER OF BILLS TO BE SET BY THE CHAIRMAN**

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2/25/16

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# Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

*House Education (3/2/2016)*

## **SB1048, ADE; appropriation; geographic literacy**

### **Testified in support:**

Gale Ekiss, representing self; Kenneth de Masi, representing self

### **Support:**

Michael Ostapuk, representing self; Kelly Norton, AZ MINING ASSN; Jason Parsons, representing self

### **All Comments:**

Michael Ostapuk, Self: I have 2 Geog degrees-taught Geog 33 years in AZ - world's oldest science! Birthed curiosity re: the world and how it works. Geog literacy is vital for students&teachers to understand complex world! +Geog careers-Join SEN! Vote AYE! Bst valued bill!; Gale Ekiss, Self: Geographic Literacy is important for our students as they become adults who will be making decisions on employment, national security, and where to live.; Kenneth de Masi, Self: It is vital to promote geographic literacy to all of Arizona's K-12 students. This bill provides resources and professional development in geography education to teachers in all areas of the state.; Jason Parsons, Self: I support bills that increase classroom spending.

## **SB1239, schools; state seal of biliteracy**

### **Testified in support:**

Abby Steward, representing self; Abigail Nosan, representing self; Aiden Fleming, Arizona Department Of Education

### **Support:**

Wanda Fernandez, representing self; Williams Johnson, LAVEEN ELEM SCHOOL DIST #59; Darren Reale, representing self; Tim Carter, Yavapai County School Superintendent, representing self; Barry Aarons, ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS; William Steward, representing self; Lydia Chew, representing self; Kathleen Backalukas, representing self; Janice Palmer, AZ School Boards Assn; Jana Miller, representing self

### **All Comments:**

Williams Johnson, LAVEEN ELEM SCHOOL DIST #59: Bilingual education is a positive for Arizona and its students.; Darren Reale, Self: Great thing to include this on diplomas.; Abigail Nosan, Self: Would like to share my views on the importance of adding the Seal to my future diploma. To confirm all of the hard work I have been doing.; Lydia Chew, Self: Implementing the Seal of Biliteracy will allow Arizona students to remain competitive with those in other states; in addition, the program encourages bilingualism, which is especially essential in our state.

## Understanding Arizona Public Charter Schools

*Simply put,  
a charter is a contract  
to improve  
student achievement.*

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Eileen B. Sigmund  
President & CEO

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## What is a Charter School?

- Publically funded, Independently operated
- Authorized by the legislature in 1994



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## Arizona's Charter Movement June 17, 1994

- ✓ Governor Fife Symington signed into law House Bill 2002 — bringing charter school education to Arizona.
- ✓ Arizona was the 11<sup>th</sup> state to allow charter schools
- ✓ In the fall of 1994, 67 charter schools opened across the state.

“The hottest new concept in the  
world of education reform.”  
— Arizona Republic

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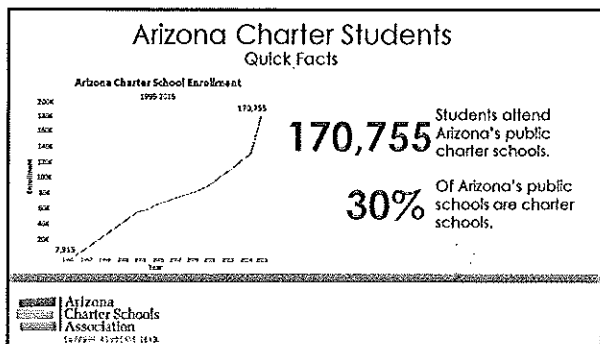
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### Quality of the Movement

**Academically**

- Statewide tests, now called AZMERIT
- A-F letter grades
- Monitored annually, high stakes reviews every five years

**Financially**

- Independent financial audits and legal compliance reviews
- Expenditures and finances reviewed by auditor
- Transparency frameworks, easily accessible by public

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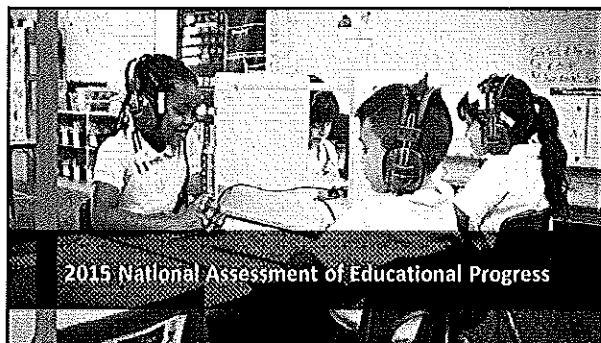
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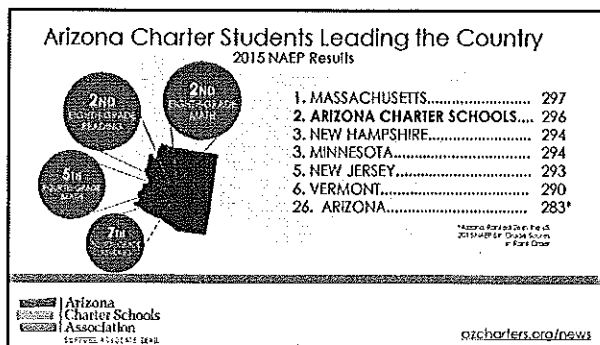
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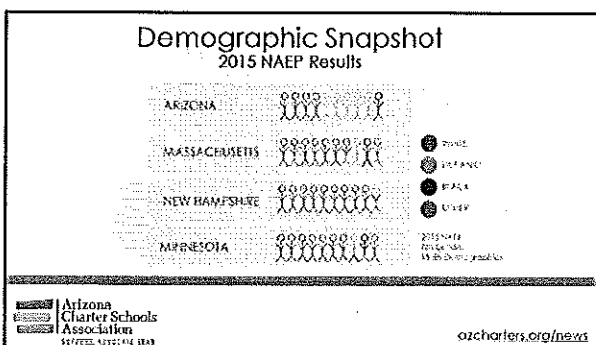
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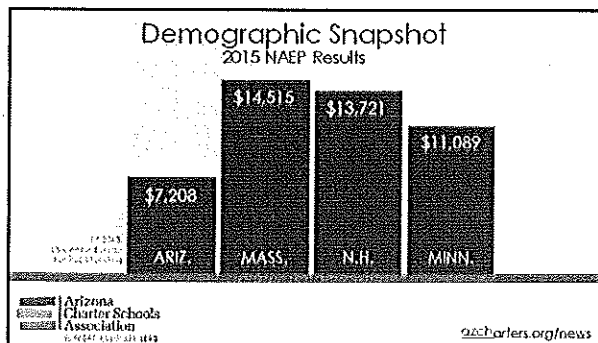
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**2015 AzMERIT**  
Charter Student Results

Charter students outperformed the state average of students passing the test in English Language Arts and Math by 5-12 percentage points in every grade level.



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A ZMERIT REPORT CARD

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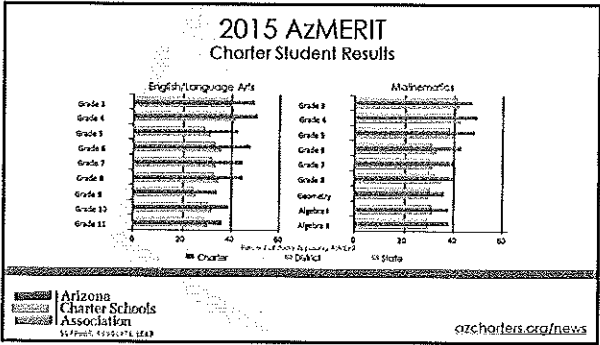
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**2015 AzMERIT  
Charter Student Results**

**49** Of the top 50 LEAs on the English/Language Arts exam are charters.

**49** Of the top 50 LEAs on the Math exam are charters.

**4<sup>th</sup>** grade charter students had the highest percent of students passing the exam.

**Arizona's Most Successful K-8 Charter**  
This K-8 charter serving 150 students in Phoenix was the top performing LEA, with 92% of students passing the English/Language Arts exam.

**EAES Schools**  
All 13 of EAES Schools, Inc. were ranked among the top 50 performing LEAs in the state in both the English/Language Arts and Math exams.

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**Association Advocacy  
Fighting for Equity**

**ARE SOME STUDENTS WORTH LESS?**

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**Who We Are**

Arizona Charter Schools Association is a nonprofit organization who believes that all Arizona students should have access to a high quality public school. We are focused on creating and sharing innovative programs designed to support leaders and teachers as they work to improve student achievement. The Association supports student achievement through high quality charter schools, advocates for student equity and charter school autonomy, and leads Arizona charter schools as a sustainable, strong, credible organization.

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SB 1048

ADE; appropriation; geographic literacy  
Prime Sponsor: Senator Kavanagh, LD 23

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X Committee on Education  
Committee on Appropriations  
Caucus and COW  
House Engrossed

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## OVERVIEW

SB 1048 appropriates \$100,000 from the state General Fund (GF) to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to issue a grant to a statewide geographic alliance.

## PROVISIONS

1. Appropriates \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2017 from the GF to ADE to issue a grant to a statewide geographic alliance for the purpose of strengthening geographic literacy in Arizona.
2. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing.

## CURRENT LAW

Not currently addressed in statute.

# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Committee Report

March 2, 2016

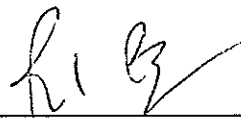
MR. SPEAKER:

Your COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION has had under consideration

SENATE BILL 1048 and respectfully recommends:

it do pass

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PAUL BOYER, Chairman  
JAY LAWRENCE, Vice-Chairman

**ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**Fifty-second Legislature - Second Regular Session**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

COMMITTEE ON \_\_\_\_\_ EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. SB 1048

DATE March 2, 2016 MOTION: DP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Bolding		✓			
Mr. Coleman		✓			
Mrs. Norgaard		✓			
Ms. Otondo		✓			
Mr. Thorpe		✓			
Mr. Lawrence, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mr. Boyer, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:

Paul Boyer  
PAUL BOYER, Chairman  
JAY LAWRENCE, Vice-Chairman

Jackie O'Donnell  
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT \_\_\_\_\_



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1239

schools; state seal of biliteracy

Prime Sponsor: Senator Begay, LD 7

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**X** Committee on Education

Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

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## OVERVIEW

SB 1239 establishes the State Seal of Biliteracy Program (Program).

## PROVISIONS

1. Directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to establish the Program to recognize students who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages other than English.
2. Instructs the SPI to:
  - a. Create a state seal of biliteracy (seal) to be affixed on to the student's diploma and noted on their transcript.
  - b. Deliver the seal to each school district or charter school that participates in the Program.
3. Allows any school district or charter school to participate in the Program by notifying the SPI.
4. Requires each school district or charter school participating in the Program to:
  - a. Identify the students who have met the requirements to be awarded the seal.
  - b. Affix the seal to the student's diploma and note it on the transcripts.
5. Requires the Arizona State Board of Education (SBE), in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education, to adopt a list of assessments using researched-based methodology to determine a student's proficiency in a language other than English.
6. Allows SBE to adopt rules to carry out the purpose of the Program.
7. Requires a school district or charter school to award a diploma with the seal to students who graduate and meet the following requirements:
  - a. Successfully complete all English Language Arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
  - b. Pass the end-of-course examinations in English Language Arts;
  - c. Demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages other than English by meeting the requirements set by SBE.
  - d. Obtain a score of proficient or higher based on the English language proficiency standards, if the student has a primary language other than English.
8. Sunsets the Program on July 1, 2026.
9. Contains an emergency clause.

## CURRENT LAW

Not currently addressed in statute.

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**ROLL CALL VOTE**

COMMITTEE ON \_\_\_\_\_ EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. SB 1239

DATE March 2, 2016 MOTION: DP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Bolding		✓			
Mr. Coleman		✓			
Mrs. Norgaard		✓			
Ms. Otondo		✓			
Mr. Thorpe		✓			
Mr. Lawrence, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mr. Boyer, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:

  
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JAY LAWRENCE, Vice-Chairman

  
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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**ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
Fifty-second Legislature - Second Regular Session  
**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

CHAIRMAN: Paul Boyer VICE-CHAIRMAN: Jay Lawrence

DATE	3/2/16	/16	/16	/16	/16
CONVENED	4:09pm	m	m	m	m
RECESSED					
RECONVENED					
ADJOURNED	5:16pm				
MEMBERS					
Mr. Bolding	✓				
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Mrs. Norgaard	✓				
Ms. Otondo	✓				
Mr. Thorpe	✓				
Mr. Lawrence, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Mr. Boyer, Chairman	✓				

✓ Present      --- Absent      exc Excused